



HYMN PREVIEW

Christ Begins

Note to Worship Planners:

A new hymn, #385 “Christ Begins,” is suggested for January 8 in the Year A Planner from [The Foundation](#). This should have a cantor with the congregation perhaps singing only the refrain if the hymn hasn’t been learned already. This notice is coming to you early enough that you can still arrange for the cantor after all the busy attention to worship planning from Christmas Eve through January 1.

If you want to dress up the hymn with more instruments, note that the following resources are available on [Musician's Resource](#): Lead Sheet for Primary Setting, Organ Accompaniment, and an Instrumental Chorale Parts Pack. Or have a duet sing the entire hymn in [this arrangement](#) for two-part voices, piano, flute, and optional guitar.

The January issue of *Forward in Christ* also features this hymn. The following message may be sent in a parish email blast to all members during the week before January 8 (since not all members see FIC or will have read the article already).

Read about Sunday’s New Hymn. The January issue of *Forward in Christ* features an article about a new hymn that we’ll [*sing/hear*] this Sunday. While most of our hymns come from sources all over the world, past and present, this one is by three WELS members. Read the article before Sunday in print (if you get the magazine) or online (forwardinchrist.net/christ-begins) and your worship will be all the more meaningful when you first encounter the new hymn.